(b) Possibilities of taking up sewage fed fish farming in few selected cities in India are under study.

Competition in Cotton Procurement

45. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are allowing competition between the Cotton Corporation of India and monopoly procurement agencies of cotton growing States in the matter of procurement of raw cotton;

(b) what are the details of the resultant benefits;

(c) whether Government have any plan to introduce this type of competition in agricultural produce and other cash crops also; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir. The monopoly procurement scheme in respect of raw cotton is in operation in Maharashtra State only where the Cotton Corporation of India does not undertake market support operations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal from the States for monopoly procurement of any agricultural commodity. Therefore, the question of competition between the different agencies does not arise.

Promotional Avenues for Junior Engineers in CPWD

46. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Junior Engineer of C.P.W.D. do not get promotion after 20-25 years of service;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the promotional avenues for the Junior Engineers in C.P.W.D.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason for the acute stagnation at the level of junior Engineers is that the organisational structure of the Central Public Works Department has not expanded adequately. Also some of the construction works, earlier done by the C.P.W.D. are now being done departmentally by different civil engineering organisations under different departments, resulting in corresponding decline in the workload and to the promotional avenues for all categories in the CPWD which are affected in different degrees.

(c) All the posts of Assistant Engineers in the CPWD are at present available for promotion to Junior Engineers, 50% by Seniority-cum-merit and 50% by departmental examination.

Demands of Employees of Namrup-Unit of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation

47. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation of the 25th November, 1985 from Members of Parliament regarding the important demands of employees of Namrup unit of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation;